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LATIN AMERICAN BRIEF 26 MARCH 1980.

FROM: NFAC/OFFICE OF CURRENT OPERATIONS.

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3. CHILE: MODERATES UNDERCUT.

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3. CHILE: THE DISMISSAL OF FOREIGN MINISTER CURILLOS WILL SERIOUSLY UNDERCUT CHILEAN MODERATES WHO HAD BEEN URGING EXPANSION OF INTERNATIONAL TIES.

CURILLOS' OUSTER FOLLOWS THE CANCELLATION LAST WEEK OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET'S ASIAN TRIP AFTER MANILA WITHDREW ITS INVITATION WHILE HE WAS EN ROUTE TO THE PHILIPPINES.

//PINOCHET'S SUBSEQUENT BREAK IN RELATIONS WITH MANILA SUGGESTS THAT SANTIAGO WILL ABANDON--AT LEAST TEMPORARILY--ITS EFFORTS TO BUILD STRONG BONDS WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS, A MAJOR FOCUS OF CHILEAN FOREIGN POLICY DURING THE PAST YEAR. PRAGMATISTS IN THE PINOCHET REGIME, DISCOURAGED BY THE WEST'S FAILURE TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT THEY VIEW AS SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT IN HUMAN RIGHTS, HAVE PUSHED FOR CLOSER RELATIONS WITH EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC COUNTRIES AS A MEANS OF COUNTERING DIPLOMATIC ISOLATION.

THE EMOTIONAL RECEPTION BY CHILEANS ON HIS RETURN, MAY ENCOURAGE PINOCHET TO IGNORE OR DISMISS THOSE IN THE REGIME WHO DISAGREE WITH HIS POLICIES. PINOCHET INDICATED THAT RESPONSIBLE DOMESTIC PARTIES WOULD BE CALLED TO ACCOUNT FOR THE FIASCO.

//FOREIGN POLICY MODERATES ALREADY BELIEVED THAT THEIR POSITION WAS WEAKENED BY THE US DECISION LAST WEEK TO

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EXCLUDE CHILE FROM A NAVAL EXERCISE BECAUSE OF ITS FAILURE
TO EXTRADITE OR TRY THREE OFFICIALS FOR THE MURDER OF ORLANDO
LETELIER. WHEN INITIAL US SANCTIONS AGAINST CHILE IN CONNECTION
WITH THE LETELIER CASE WERE ANNOUNCED LAST NOVEMBER, MODERATES
HAD ADVOCATED A MEASURED RESPONSE AS THE BEST MEANS OF
SOFTENING THE SANCTIONS.

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